Win, Lose, or False?

According to the Seventh Amendment, the people have the right to take other people to court if they feel they have been wronged. Read these lawsuits and determine if the lawsuit was won, lost, or is it even a real lawsuit?

Mincho Donchev, an escaped murderer from Bulgaria who lived for ten years in the Cascade Mountains of Washington breaking into vacation cabins, sued Snohomish County for excessive force in his arrest. Two years ago, as Donchev resisted officers trying to subdue him, a police dog mangled his foot, causing the eventual loss of two of his toes; he was armed with knives, handguns and a pronged stick during the affair. The sheriff denies that either his deputies or the dog did anything wrong, but Donchev’s Seattle attorney, Mark Shepherd, said his client had “been horribly, grotesquely disfigured on his foot, and that foot will never function properly again”; the settlement money, he said, would help ease his client’s re-entry into society when he’s released from prison this August.

In Brunswick, Ohio, a father sued the coach of the Brunswick Cobras boy’s baseball team for leading the team to such a poor record. “Charles Settles, whose son, Kevin, was the catcher on the 16-year-old-and-under team,” went to small claims court asking $2,000, “the estimated value of a seven-day Florida trip the team could have made had it not lost every game — most by a 10-run ‘mercy’ rule.”

In 2002, a Sandusky man serving a 10-year sentence for raping a patient at the former Providence Hospital sued the hospital for negligence. Edward Brewer sued the hospital for $2 million, claiming they were negligent by not preventing him from raping one of its patients.

After watching an episode of the reality TV show Fear Factor on NBC in 2005, Austin Aitken sued the network for $2.5 million. He said the sight of contestants eating blended rats disgusted him so much that his health suffered. He claimed the show raised his blood pressure , made him dizzy, and caused him to vomit. He also became so disoriented, he smashed into a door.

A 16-year-old Connecticut high school student who fell asleep in class alleged he suffered substantial hearing loss when his math teacher smacked her palm down on his desk to wake him up while she was teaching, so his parents decided to sue Danbury High School, the Connecticut Board of Education and the city of Danbury on his behalf.   
  
2003, Andrew Burnett sued Sara McBurnett and the San Jose Mercury News, claiming they had caused him to suffer mental anguish and post traumatic stress disorder. Burnett filed the lawsuit while serving a three-year sentence for killing defendant McBurnett’s dog in a road rage incident, claiming that the incident had caused his suffering. The two were involved in an accident and McBurnett’s dog was barking at him. He grabbed the dog and threw it into traffic, where it was killed.

A 5-foot-10-inch, 272-pound man has sued four major fast food chains, claiming their fare contributed to his obesity, heart disease and diabetes. The class-action lawsuit, filed in the Bronx Supreme Court on July 24, is seeking undetermined compensatory damages against McDonald's, Wendy's, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Burger King on behalf of 56-year-old maintenance worker Caesar Barber and others. The lawsuit, which estimates that millions of Americans could be included in the claim, also seeks to have the companies label individual products with fat, salt, cholesterol and other dietary content as well as to warn users of the health effects.   
Barber told MSNBC he didn't realize fried food was bad for him until three years ago, and that he had been eating fast food for decades because it was convenient.   
  
A man broke off his seven-week engagement and his fiancé didn't like it. The jilted fiancé sued him for pain and suffering, for her psychiatrist bills, and loss of income from her legal practice.

In Michigan, a 27 year-old man was involved in a rear-end collision. He only suffered minor injuries. Four years later he changed his mind and sued the owners of the truck that hit him. He now claimed that the accident caused his sexual relations with his wife to deteriorate and he was unable to maintain their sex life. The crash had changed his personality forever, he said, and in fact, the collision had turned him into a homosexual. He left his wife, moved in with his parents, began hanging out in gay bars, and became a reader of gay literature.

The plaintiff was Kurt Prochaska, 40, now an inmate at Fox Lake Correctional Institution. The defendant was Michael Rainiero, the Janesville doctor who shot Prochaska once in the back after Prochaska broke into his home. Prochaska, 40, was sentenced to eight years in prison for the burglary, followed by four years of extended supervision. He also was sentenced to four years in prison with two years extended supervision for felony criminal damage, but the criminal damage sentence is concurrent with the burglary term. Prochaska sued for damages, simultaneously claiming the doctor when aiming the gun, failed to miss him.

A 19 year old Carl Truman of [Los Angeles](http://club.cdfreaks.com/) sued his neighbor for damages and medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car, when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

Terrence Dickson of [Bristol](http://club.cdfreaks.com/), Pennsylvania was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on [vacationhttp://kona.kontera.com/javascript/lib/imgs/grey_loader.gif](http://club.cdfreaks.com/" \t "_top)

. Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found, and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. He was seeking $500,000.

Jerry Williams of Little Rock, [Arkansas http://kona.kontera.com/javascript/lib/imgs/grey_loader.gif](http://club.cdfreaks.com/" \t "_top)

Sued for damages and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbor's beagle. The beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced-in yard, but Mr. [Williams](http://club.cdfreaks.com/) was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

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restaurant was sued by Amber Carson of Lancaster, [Pennsylvania http://kona.kontera.com/javascript/lib/imgs/grey_loader.gif](http://club.cdfreaks.com/" \t "_top)

after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx. The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson threw it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

Kara [Walton http://kona.kontera.com/javascript/lib/imgs/grey_loader.gif](http://club.cdfreaks.com/" \t "_top)

of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room, admittedly, to avoid paying the $3.50 cover charge.

Mr. Merv Grazinski of [Oklahoma City](http://club.cdfreaks.com/). In November 2000, Mr. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32 foot Winnebago motor home. On his first [trip](http://club.cdfreaks.com/) home, having joined the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the drivers seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly the Winnie left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mr Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the handbook that he couldn't actually do this. He was awarded $1,750,000 plus a new Winnie.

Ricky Bodine was a 19-year-old high-school graduate who, with three other friends (one of whom had a criminal record), decided the night of March 1, 1982, to steal a floodlight from the roof of the Enterprise High School gymnasium. Ricky climbed the roof, removed the floodlight, lowered it to the ground to his friends, and, as he was walking across the roof (perhaps to steal a second floodlight), he fell through the skylight. Bodine suffered terrible injuries becoming a quadriplegic. Bodine sued for $8 million.